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COVID Vaccination Update & Comparison

As of March 10, a total of 4,931 individuals (7.9% of the total population) in Stanly County were fully vaccinated for COVID. Another 9,121 were at least partially vaccinated (received 1 dose).

Below please find a comparison of Stanly County's vaccination rate to other counties of similar size in North Carolina and other counties in the Charlotte region.

Similar Size Counties

County	Number/% Partially Vaccinated	Number/% Fully Vaccinated
Chatham	17,634 (23.7%)	11,993 (16.1%)
Haywood	11,232 (18.0%)	8,216 (13.2%)
Lenoir	10,112 (18.1%)	6,569 (11.7%)
Granville	11,280 (17.5%)	6,636 (11.0%)
Sampson	10,104 (15.9%)	6,368 (10.0%)
Stanly	9,121 (14.5%)	4,931 (7.9%)
Columbus	7,898 (14.2%)	4,356 (7.8%)
Rutherford	9,759 (14.6%)	4,982 (7.4%)

Charlotte Region Counties

County	Number/% Partially Vaccinated	Number/% Fully Vaccinated
Anson	3,987 (16.3%)	2,403 (9.8%)
Rowan	17,124 (12.1%)	11,540 (8.1%)
Stanly	9,121 (14.5%)	4,931 (7.9%)
Union	32,426 (13.5%)	19,067 (7.9%)
Mecklenburg	136,127 (12.3%)	84,900 (7.6%)
Cabarrus	26,196 (12.1%)	16,417 (7.6%)

Airport Director Obtains Professional Designation

Stanly County Airport Director, Ken Swaringen, became one of the first aviation professionals in the state of North Carolina to earn the new NC Airport Professional designation.

The designation is associated with a new Aviation Leadership and Management Program put in place by the NC Division of Aviation.

The goal of the leadership program is to provide quality leadership and management training to benefit aviation and enhance aviation career development.

NACo Legislative Analysis of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The American Rescue Plan Act approved by Congress and signed into law by President Biden on Thursday, March 11 calls for \$130.2 trillion for municipalities and counties. \$65 billion will be allocated to counties on a per capita basis directly from the US Treasury. Stanly County's estimated allocation is \$12.1 million.

The funding will come in two (2) separate allocations. The first allocation will come within 60 days of enactment, and the second allocation will be no earlier than twelve (12) months from the initial/first payment. All of the funds must be spent by December 31, 2024.

The following are eligible uses of the recovery funds:

1. Necessary improvements to water, sewer or broadband infrastructure
2. Provision of any services allowed per General Statutes to the extent of a reduction in revenue
3. Premium pay for eligible workers
4. Responding to the public health emergency including COVID vaccination and mitigation, public assistance, business grants, hospitality/tourism grants, etc.